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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see some of our learning which has taken place recently.

Science Week

This year's theme was Curiosity. All scientific discoveries and advancements have come from a spark of curiosity. No experiment was conducted without a someone behind it being inquisitive, wanting to know the answer. But curiosity isn't just about conventional science, it's part of our everyday lives, it's how we understand and interact with our environment.
With that in mind, each class thought of a question to investigate. Results and conclusions have been made or will continue to be made through the school year. Questions ranged from 'Does the water temperature in our school pond change?' to 'What is the best design for paper aeroplanes?'

It was a great opportunity to recognise that one of the key characteristics of a great scientist is to be inquisitive.







Big Walk and Wheel Challenge

Thank you to everyone who has supported this challenge so far. There is still a week to go and every journey by foot, scooter or bike helps Whirley's total. We currently lie in 265th place out of the 1066 schools taking part nationally. It would be great to break into the top 200. Six schools in Macclesfield have registered to take part. We are currently in 1st place in Macclesfield! Let's try and keep hold of the bragging rights next week.

Dinosaur Day

Reception had a fantastic Dinosaur Day to celebrate the end of their learning about dinosaurs. Throughout the topic, the children explored different types of dinosaurs and even took on the role of palaeontologists by digging for fossils.
To bring all of their learning together, the children enjoyed a special Dinosaur Day. The day was filled with creativity, curiosity and enthusiasm, with children confidently sharing what they had learned using their imaginations through role play and art. It was a wonderful way to celebrate and consolidate their learning.







Netball

A big well done to our Whirley Netballers who took part in the Macclesfield District Netball tournament. Over the weekend, the team were one of four of the Halliard trust primaries representing their schools in a morning of great competition and impeccable sportsmanship. Such Resilience, Respect and Collaboration was shown by all the team members.



Celebration Assembly

Our celebration assembly is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the children's hard work, their commitment to our Whirley values and their achievements outside of school. We also celebrate the Dojo house points earned throughout the week and announce the winning house of the week.

Headteacher's Award

The following pupils have been celebrated for their outstanding learning and accomplishments across the school.
In Reception, James and Raziya were awarded for their super English work where they wrote sentences for others to guess the dinosaur they were describing. Fantastic letter formation and well presented. Well done!
In Year 1, Amelia and Ben shared their Super-Tato stories they wrote using their story plans and confidently read them out loud.
In Year 2, Hugo was awarded for his excellent use of descriptive language in his English work.
In Year 3, Harry shared his descriptive work, where he used fantastic persuasive language in his English work. He also read it our clearly and confidently. Also in Year 3, Gracie shared the maths work she has been persevering with. She has shown great resilience in her written multiplication method. Well done both of you!
In Year 4, Betty and Amelia shared a recording of their dance sequence about space. They worked hard on their choreography and built up the different sections over different PE sessions and together it created a beautiful routine.
In Year 5, Luke and Harry were awarded for their portrait work. Their finished products were a culmination of different skills built up over different lessons. The finished products are very impressive!

V.I.Ps (Values in Practice)

Our **V.I.P. (Values In Practice) Award**, recognises and celebrates children who consistently demonstrate our **Whirley Values** in their daily school life.

Well done to this week's V.I.Ps who will proudly wear our purple VIP sweatshirts: Josh (Reception) for Tolerance and Respect, Raffi (Y1) for Independence, James (Y2) for Collaboration, Thomas (Y3) for Resilience, Edward (Y4) for Independence, Flynn (Y5) for Collaboration and Holly (Y6) for Collaboration.

Winning House

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What a busy week for Dojo points last week. Altogether 802 Dojo points were awarded. In 4th place was Chelford with 189 Dojos. In 3rd place was Henbury with 201 Dojos. In 2nd place with 205 Dojos was Alderley. Our winning house was Birtles with an impressive 207 points. Well done to all houses!

Attendance

I would like to thank the many of you who are already partnering with us to ensure your children are in school, on time, every day. Your support makes a significant difference and is vital for your child's success. Overall, our school attendance was 96% this week.

- Reception: 93%
- Year 1: 97%
- Year 2: 98%
- Year 3: 99%
- Year 4: 93%
- Year 5: 98%
- Year 6: 97%

School Book Fair

This week, the Book Fair will be in the hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 3.20 – 3.45. You can pay with cash or online using a QR code in school.

Spring Term dates up to Easter holidays

25th March – Brimstone Project Year 5
27th March – Break up for Easter/Spring Holiday 3.30pm
13th April – School Reopens

Summer Dates following Easter

22nd April – SCHOOL Class Photographs – Academy Photos
22nd April – Film Night
11th May – SATs Week
18th May – Year 5 Safety Central Visit
Half Term 25th May – 1st June
1st June – School INSET Day
1st June – Multiplication Checks Week Year 4
8th June – Phonics Check Week Year 1
18th June – Bridgewater Hall Concert – Year 5
22nd June – Great Athletes Day (Further Details to come)
25th June – Day 2 of Brimstone Project – Year 5
1st July to 3rd July – Year 6 Residential Conway
9th July – Year 6 Performance at KINGS
17th July – last day of term

External School Clubs

Monday – Y3 – 6 Football 3.30 – 4.30

Tuesday – Y1/2 Football 3.30 – 4.30
Wednesday – Echo Club 3.30 – 4.30
Thursday Multi-Sports - 3.30 – 4.30
Friday – Girls Football - 3.30 – 4.30

Teacher Led School Clubs – new clubs will be added following the Easter Holidays

Monday 12.30 – 13.00 Sewing Club with Mrs Hennerley
Monday 3.30 – 4.30 Y4, 5 and 6 Netball with Mrs Tomlinson
Tuesday 12.30 – 13.00 Sewing Club with Mrs Hennerley

Kind regards,
Mrs Karen Whalley
Headteacher